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an orderer terminal handled by an orderer ordering  
an item or service;

wherein said orderer terminal and said  
producing/processing terminal are interconnected via  
said network; and

said headquarters terminal selectively determining said producing/processing terminal in accordance with a received order and then making the selected producing/processing terminal produce and process said item or provide a produced and processed item.

2 The network commerce system defined in Claim 1, wherein  
said item or service is an item edited with digital data

or editing of said digital data; and wherein said orderer terminal transmits said digital data together with said order; and wherein each of said producing/processing terminals receives said order and said digital data transmitted via said network and via said headquarters terminal and then edits said digital data in accordance with the content of said order.

3 The network commerce system defined in Claim 2, wherein said digital data comprises image data or acoustic data.

4 The network commerce system defined in Claim 2, further comprising a payment terminal connected to said network, for paying a purchase charge of said item sold or said service provided, via said orderer terminal.

5 The network commerce system defined in Claim 2, wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied to a destination other than said orderer.

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6 The network commerce system defined in Claim 3, further comprising a payment terminal connected to said network, for paying a purchase charge of said item sold or said service provided, via said orderer terminal.

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7 The network commerce system defined in Claim 3, wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied to a destination other than said orderer.

5 8 The network commerce system defined in Claim 1, wherein said digital data comprises image data or acoustic data.

9 The network commerce system defined in Claim 8, further comprising a payment terminal connected to said network,  
10 for paying a purchase charge of said item sold or said service provided, via said orderer terminal.

10 The network commerce system defined in Claim 9,  
wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied  
15 to a destination other than said orderer.

11 The network commerce system defined in Claim 1,  
further comprising a payment terminal connected to said  
network, for paying a purchase charge of said item sold or  
20 said service provided, via said orderer terminal.

12 The network commerce system defined in Claim 11,  
wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied  
to a destination other than said orderer.

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producing/processing terminal supply said  
produced/processed item;

wherein a network commerce is performed between  
said orderer terminal and said producing/processing  
terminal connected via a network.

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15 A producing/processing terminal comprising:

orderer terminals each handled by an orderer  
ordering an item or service;

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a plurality of producing/processing terminals each  
which is handled by a producer/processor which  
produces and processes said item or supplies a  
produced/processed item, in accordance with an order  
from each of said orderer terminals; and

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a headquarters terminal including:

a receiver for receiving an order  
transmitted from an orderer terminal via said  
network;

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a transmitter for transmitting an order  
received by said receiver to a  
producing/processing terminal via said  
network; and

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means for selectively determining said  
producing/processing terminal in accordance  
with a received order and then making said

producing/processing terminal produce and  
 process said item or supply said  
 produced/processed item;

5 wherein a network commerce is performed between  
 said orderer terminal and said producing/processing  
 terminal connected via a network.

16 An orderer terminal used in a network commerce system,  
 said network commerce system comprising:

10 orderer terminals each handled by an orderer  
 ordering an item or service;

a plurality of producing/processing terminals each  
 which is handled by a producer/processor which  
 produces and processes said item or supplies a  
 15 produced/processed item, in accordance with an order  
 from each of said orderer terminals; and

a headquarters terminal including:

a receiver for receiving an order  
 transmitted from an orderer terminal via said  
 20 network;

a transmitter for transmitting an item  
 received by said receiver to a  
 producing/receiving terminal via said  
 network; and

25 means for selectively determining said

producing/processing terminal in accordance  
with a received order and then making said  
selected producing/processing terminal  
produce and process said item or supply said  
5 produced/processed item;

wherein a network commerce is performed between a  
producing/processing terminal and said headquarters  
terminal connected via a network.

10 17 A payment terminal used in a network commerce system,  
said network commerce system comprising:

orderer terminals each handled by an orderer  
ordering an item or service;

15 a plurality of producing/processing terminals each  
which is handled by a producer/processor which  
produces and processes said item or supplies a  
produced/processed item, in accordance with an order  
from each of said orderer terminals; and

a headquarters terminal including:

20 a receiver for receiving an order  
transmitted from said orderer terminal via  
said network;

a transmitter for transmitting an item  
received by said receiver to a  
25 producing/receiving terminal via said

network;

means for selectively determining said  
producing/processing terminal in accordance  
with a received order and then making said  
5 selected producing/processing terminal  
produce and process said item or supply said  
produced/processed item; and

a payment terminal for paying a purchase  
charge of said item or service sold or  
10 supplied via said orderer terminal;

wherein a network commerce is performed between  
said orderer terminal and said producing/processing  
terminal and said headquarters terminal,  
interconnected via a network.

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18 A network commerce method, wherein an orderer terminal  
orders an item or service via a network and a  
producing/processing terminal sells said item or provides  
said service, in accordance with said order, the method  
20 comprising the steps of:

receiving said order transmitted from said orderer  
terminal via said network, using a headquarters  
terminal;

selectively determining a producing/processing  
25 terminal for said item in accordance with the content



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paying, when said order is received or after said produced/processed item is supplied, a purchase charge of said item or service via said orderer terminal.